

**VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD
SITE VISIT: GARVEY HILL ROAD
Minutes of September 12, 2007**

Chair Jim Wilson convened the Trustees at the soccer field parking lot at 7 p.m.

Trustees present: Chair James Wilson, Samantha Baraw, and Richard Suitor. Trustee trainees present: Jonah Baraw. Staff present: Superintendent of Public Works William Lyon, Fire Chief Pete Demasi (with fire truck), and Ambulance Supervisor Jim Baraw (with ambulance). Several members of the community also were present.

There was further discussion of the parking problems and recent attempts to alleviate them. When there is two-sided parking, it is difficult for single cars to pass, and it is worse when people are walking in the road.

There has been an attempt to restrict parking to the downhill side at some of this year's games (and well to the side) - people seem to think that is working well.

Supervisor Baraw felt that he could get an ambulance up if parking was only on one side.

The fire truck was measured to be about eight and a half feet (8½') up to the mirrors, which extend the width to just under ten feet (10'). Chief Demasi seemed to feel he ought to be allowed a little wiggle room, too.

Resident Jim Wilson felt that an ordinance wouldn't do much good unless it was enforced. He also noted that the parking lot was not well used; if cars were parked efficiently, more could fit. He said that he had counted thirty (30) or so on occasion in the lot. When popular games occur, he has seen parking up to as far as his house (across from the water tank.)

We heard that boys in particular were being encouraged to walk to practice and to games. Currently the non-road footpath up the hill starts off going through the elementary school play area. One could bypass that area, but there is no developed path that does that, other than the road. Unless there is a well marked path up the hill, the road is apt to be used by those who walk.

No one at the site visit felt that there was any reason not to restrict traffic.

No one was present from Pine Ridge Drive. One side and two side parking restrictions on Pine Ridge Drive were briefly discussed. It was said that there were times when Pine Ridge Drive was completely blocked by parking. Chair Wilson said he would talk with one of the residents.

The Board took no action but the consensus was clearly to restrict parking on Garvey Hill Road to the downhill side and to restrict parking on Pine Ridge Drive in some way, depending on input from residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Suitor

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